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CUSTOMS DISTRICT BY CONTINENT

COVERAGE

This report presents U.S. export and import statistics by air in U.S. Customs district by continent arrangement. Only those districts are shown whose combined exports and imports by air were valued at 2 million dollars or more for calendar year 1964.

Exports

These statistics represent exports of domestic and foreign merchandise combined and include government as well as nongovernment shipments of merchandise by air from the United States to foreign countries. The statistics, therefore, include Department of Defense Military Assistance Program--Grant-Aid shipments, Mutual Security Program economic assistance shipments, and shipments of agricultural commodities under P. L. 480 (The Trade Development and Assistance Act of 1954, as amended) and related laws. Shipments to U.S. armed forces and diplomatic missions abroad for their own use are not included in the export statistics. U.S. trade with Puerto Rico and U.S. possessions and trade between U.S. possessions are not included in this report, but exports from Puerto Rico to foreign countries are included as a part of the U.S. export statistics. Merchandise shipped through the United States in transit from one foreign country to another, when documented as such through U.S. Customs, is excluded. (Foreign merchandise which has entered the United States as an import and is subsequently reexported is not treated as intransit merchandise, and is included in this report.) The figures in this report exclude exports of household and personal effects, shipments by mail and parcel post, and shipments of airplanes under their own power.

The statistics shown for exports to Canada represent fully compiled data for shipments individually valued $2,000 and over combined with estimated data for shipments valued $100-$1,999 based on a 10-percent sample of such shipments. The statistics shown for exports to countries other than Canada represent fully compiled data for shipments individually valued $500 and over combined with estimated data for shipments valued $100-$499 based on a 50-percent sample of such shipments. In addition to these data, estimated data for shipments valued under $100 based on a 10-percent sample of such shipments are also included in the figures shown in the "Total" columns in table 1. These estimates for shipments valued under $100 are not included in the other figures in the table.

Since the export figures shown include estimates based on a sample of low-valued shipments, they are subject to some degree of sampling variability. A rough guide to the general level of sampling variability (on a 2 changes out of 3 basis) of value totals shown is given below. Usually the higher value figures will have the lower percent sampling errors. Detailed information on the sampling variability of individual figures is available upon request.

Value totals for "Total" and "North America" of:	Proportion of cells with sampling variability of: under 2%	under 5%	under 10%	under 20%	20% and over
$1,000,000 and over	.60	.85	1.00		
$500,000-$1,000,000	.45	.65	.70	1.00	
$100,000-$500,000		.15	.40	.45	.55
$20,000-$100,000				.25	.75
Cells of under $20,000	Are likely to have sampling variability from $10,000 to $20,000				

Value totals for continents of South America, Europe, Asia, Australia and Oceania, and Africa of:	Are likely to have sampling variability of:
$300,000 and over	Less than 2%
$100,000-$300,000	Less than 5% with over half of the totals less than 2%
$20,000-$100,000	Generally less than 10% with over half of the totals less than 5%
Under $20,000	Generally $1,000 to $2,000
Cells of $0	Generally less than $500

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The sampling variability, in percentage terms, of shipping weight figures can be approximated by the percent sampling variability of value.

Imports

These statistics represent general imports which are a combination of imports for immediate consumption and entries into bonded warehouses. The statistics include government as well as nongovernment shipments of merchandise by air from foreign countries to the United States. However, American goods returned by the U.S. armed forces for their own use are excluded. U.S. trade with Puerto Rico and with U.S. possessions and trade between U.S. possessions are not included in this report but imports into Puerto Rico from foreign countries are considered to be U.S. imports and are included. Merchandise shipped through the United States in transit from one foreign country to another, when documented as such through U.S. Customs, is not reported as imports and is excluded from the data shown in this report. (Foreign merchandise which has entered the United States as an import and is subsequently reexported is not treated as intransit merchandise, and is included in this report.) Imports of household and personal effects, imports by mail and parcel post, and imports of airplanes under their own power are not included.

The airborne general import statistics reflect fully compiled data for formal entry shipments valued at $100 and over combined with estimated data for shipments reported on informal entries valued at $250 or less based upon a 10-percent sample of such shipments. These combined data are shown in the "Total" column for the value data in table 2 of this report. The continent and district by continent value totals shown in the table include data for formal entries valued at $100 and over but exclude the estimated dollar value for shipments reported on informal entries valued $250 or less. The shipping weight information excludes shipping weight data for informal entries since this information is not required to be shown on such entries. Some rough indication as to the volume of shipping weight represented by informal entries may be obtained by reference to the air export statistics where low-valued shipments (under $100) are approximately 2 to 3 percent of the air export value and from 10 to 12 percent of the air export shipping weight. Import shipments by air reported on formal entries valued at less than $100 are entirely excluded from the air import statistics. These under-$100 formal imports shipments amount to less than 1 percent of the total air import value and shipping weight.

As noted above, the value figures for total air imports by Customs district include estimates of informal entries ($250 or less) based on a 10-percent sample of such entries. They are, therefore, subject to sampling variability. In general, the higher value figures will have the lower percent sampling errors. The following table gives a rough guide to the sampling variability of Customs district totals. More detailed information on the sampling variability of individual figures is available on request.

Value totals of:	Are likely to have sampling variability limits of:
$500,000 and over	Less than 1%
$100,000 - $500,000	1% to 5%
$20,000 - $100,000	5% to 15%
Under $20,000	$1,000 to $2,000

The Customs district value and shipping weight totals shown include a small amount of shipments which could not be distributed by continent.

Table 1.—SHIPPING WEIGHT AND VALUE BY SELECTED CUSTOMS DISTRICT OF LADING BY CONTINENT

Customs district of lading	Shipping weight (thousands of pounds)								Value (thousands of dollars)							
	Total[1]		North America	South America	Europe	Asia	Australia and Oceania	Africa	Total[1]		North America	South America	Europe	Asia	Australia and Oceania	Africa
	All carriers	U.S. flag carriers							All carriers	U.S. flag carriers						
Total, all carriers	[2]38,065	(X)	10,673	5,371	16,070	2,313	562	510	[2]189,101	(X)	31,193	15,835	108,650	19,024	4,374	2,605
U.S. flag carriers	(X)	[2]12,858	4,135	1,199	5,139	1,032	145	169	(X)	[2]64,510	10,817	4,264	36,058	7,441	736	1,017
Massachusetts	557	251	124	-	390	3	-	7	3,132	1,329	517	-	2,545	20	-	21
Connecticut	2	(Z)	1	-	(Z)	-	-	-	8	1	7	-	1	-	-	-
Buffalo	365	365	362	-	-	-	-	-	518	513	504	-	-	-	-	-
New York	19,386	6,360	1,936	1,018	13,752	1,066	126	391	117,561	39,828	9,779	5,207	90,817	6,990	696	2,082
Philadelphia	141	82	-	-	114	16	4	3	1,065	747	-	-	848	189	6	14
Maryland	115	111	1	1	55	23	(Z)	26	547	492	6	2	446	16	11	61
Florida	9,232	2,267	4,478	4,167	20	1	-	(Z)	18,333	4,918	7,725	9,829	178	3	-	4
New Orleans	533	114	428	50	1	(Z)	-	-	1,185	300	869	242	4	1	-	-
Galveston	317	210	140	15	88	21	(Z)	24	1,748	1,024	637	57	748	148	(Z)	101
Laredo	401	369	323	57	-	7	-	-	820	753	608	168	-	24	-	-
Los Angeles	885	371	91	28	462	186	43	7	8,356	2,236	487	171	4,612	2,626	239	108
San Francisco	1,327	378	22	14	155	758	285	6	13,486	3,094	100	95	2,387	7,672	2,944	79
Oregon	14	14	-	-	14	-	-	-	259	259	-	-	258	-	-	-
Washington	418	306	290	(Z)	28	56	(Z)	(Z)	2,091	1,283	884	1	773	353	10	1
Alaska	16	10	6	-	3	6	-	-	112	26	28	-	55	27	-	-
Hawaii	133	56	33	-	(Z)	45	48	(Z)	390	161	38	-	6	212	126	2
Montana and Idaho	35	35	33	-	-	-	-	-	169	169	160	-	-	-	-	-
Dakota	74	74	54	-	-	-	-	-	266	266	226	-	-	-	-	-
Minnesota	13	13	13	-	-	-	-	-	39	39	39	-	-	-	-	-
Michigan	316	129	123	-	178	1	(Z)	4	948	584	110	-	793	13	1	21
Chicago	2,346	440	1,282	(Z)	775	102	2	37	11,173	1,863	6,390	14	3,824	539	7	90
Ohio	324	8	281	-	(Z)	-	-	-	1,380	26	1,292	-	3	-	-	-
Puerto Rico	616	453	542	17	1	-	-	-	578	441	500	27	3	-	-	-
All other Customs districts	233	221	108	5	34	22	52	5	1,214	1,184	285	23	350	191	334	21
Special Category[3]	267	221	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	3,722	2,973	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)

- Represents zero.
D Data withheld to avoid disclosure of information for security reasons.
X Not applicable.
Z Less than 500 pounds or $500.

[1]Includes estimated shipments valued under $100 which are excluded from the continent totals.

[2]Includes shipments of "Special Category" commodities and estimated shipments valued under $100 which are excluded from the continent totals.

[3]Represents shipments of "Special Category" commodities. A list of the "Special Category" commodities is available upon request to the Bureau of the Census, Washington, D.C. 20233.

Table 2.—SHIPPING WEIGHT AND VALUE BY SELECTED CUSTOMS DISTRICT OF UNLADING BY CONTINENT

Customs district of unlading	Shipping weight (thousands of pounds)[1]								Value (thousands of dollars)							
	Total[2]		North America	South America	Europe	Asia	Australia and Oceania	Africa	Total[2] [3]		North America	South America	Europe	Asia	Australia and Oceania	Africa
	All carriers	U.S. flag carriers							All carriers	U.S. flag carriers						
Total, all carriers	13,725	(X)	2,080	1,792	8,375	1,377	61	40	98,381	(X)	10,721	2,896	69,582	11,480	505	761
U.S. flag carriers	(X)	6,031	894	533	3,827	804	5	18	(X)	42,080	3,984	1,240	29,468	7,101	109	178
Massachusetts	158	79	12	-	142	3	-	1	1,201	656	260	-	864	16	-	7
Connecticut	(Z)	-	(Z)	-	-	-	-	-	16	-	8	-	-	-	-	-
Buffalo	25	20	20	-	5	-	-	-	524	500	509	-	7	-	-	-
New York	8,454	3,910	266	152	7,382	574	44	36	75,041	30,269	4,597	1,289	62,834	4,246	163	704
Philadelphia	29	16	-	-	29	(Z)	-	-	248	170	-	-	203	4	-	-
Maryland	54	53	-	-	51	3	-	-	1,485	1,415	-	-	1,435	6	-	-
Florida	2,267	674	700	1,528	25	13	-	-	3,121	1,598	1,493	1,448	63	7	-	-
New Orleans	240	154	236	(Z)	5	(Z)	-	-	113	43	60	4	27	2	-	-
Galveston	36	22	22	12	1	(Z)	-	(Z)	114	21	43	10	9	(Z)	-	1
Laredo	128	113	128	-	-	-	-	-	68	44	49	-	-	-	-	-
Los Angeles	442	186	40	8	93	297	4	1	3,297	1,254	156	95	996	1,761	76	20
San Francisco	368	196	13	1	59	286	9	(Z)	3,604	1,825	76	13	513	2,612	209	17
Oregon	1	1	-	-	(Z)	1	-	-	14	3	-	-	2	1	-	-
Washington	59	55	20	-	1	39	(Z)	-	2,140	1,980	438	-	20	1,623	6	-
Alaska	4	1	(Z)	-	3	1	-	-	267	241	2	-	15	245	-	-
Hawaii	30	6	9	-	-	16	4	-	317	78	13	-	-	221	50	-
Montana and Idaho	5	5	5	-	-	-	-	-	57	50	50	-	-	-	-	-
Dakota	5	4	5	-	-	-	-	-	84	73	83	-	-	-	-	-
Minnesota	(Z)	(Z)	(Z)	-	-	-	-	-	6	(Z)	(Z)	-	-	-	-	-
Michigan	248	93	28	-	219	1	-	1	690	221	127	-	511	3	-	2
Chicago	552	234	79	-	328	144	-	1	4,444	1,436	1,577	-	1,980	728	-	10
Ohio	21	(Z)	18	-	3	-	-	-	975	1	900	-	29	-	-	-
Puerto Rico	581	258	465	89	27	-	-	-	289	118	159	32	48	-	-	-
All other Customs districts	18	4	12	2	3	(Z)	-	-	265	82	122	5	24	5	-	-

- Represents zero.
X Not applicable.
Z Less than 500 pounds or $500.
[1] Excludes shipping weight data, which are not available, for informal entries.
[2] Includes a small amount of shipments which are unidentified by continent.
[3] Includes estimated value of informal entries which are excluded from the continent totals and the totals for U.S. flag carriers.

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